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(C) Embassy Officer delivered the reftel demarche to Veronika Kuchynova-Smigolova, the Czech MFA's Director of Security Policy, and her deputy, Petr Chalupecky on March 18. They appreciated receiving our points and hoped that our engagement with Syria would lead to the country becoming a responsible partner in the Middle East. Thompson-Jones